



NEWS RELEASE

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United States Attorney Joe W. Stecher and the Omaha Police Department announce the following information for the attention of the media:

Event Triggering this Release:

Travis J. Bishop was sentenced to 11 years imprisonment by the Honorable Joseph Bataillon, Chief United States District Judge, following his conviction for Distributing Cocaine Base. Bishop was ordered to serve 5 years of supervised release following his release from incarceration and pay a \$100 Special Assessment.

On April 1, 2008, a cooperating witness informed law enforcement that he could purchase crack cocaine from Bishop. On April 11, 2008, officers had the cooperating witness meet with Bishop in the area of 42nd and Redman where he purchased approximately 54 grams of crack from Bishop.

On June 23, 2008, in a separate investigation, officers utilized the same cooperating witness who made arrangements with Thaddeus Stevens to purchase crack, and later purchased 27 grams of crack from Stevens in the area of 43rd and Lake Street. During the transaction, surveillance officers observed Travis Bishop approach the cooperating witness and Stevens, and deliver the crack cocaine to them. Prior to the transaction, agents had not known that Bishop was the supplier of Stevens.

Name of Defendant: Travis J. Bishop

AKA:

AGE: 31

Crime(s) Charged and Potential Penalty (A CHARGE is merely an accusation and every defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty): Distributing Cocaine Base; 10 years-life imprisonment, \$4,000,000 fine, 5 years supervised release, and \$100 Special Assessment.

Specific Location of Alleged Crime: Omaha, Ne.

Location of Arrest: Omaha, Ne.

Alleged Dollar Loss/Type and Quantity of Drug: Approximately 80 grams of cocaine base.

Others Charged in Same Scheme: Thaddeus Stevens

Relevant Dates:

Date of Alleged Crime: April 11, 2008

Federal Arrest Date: January 27, 2009

Date Complaint Issued: N/A

Indictment Returned Date: January 22, 2009

Initial Appearance Date: January 28, 2009

Plea Date(s): April 7, 2009

Sentencing Date: July 2, 2009

Next Court Hearing Type and Date: N/A

Assigned Magistrate Judge: F.A. Gossett

Held without Bond, or Released from Custody: Held since federal arrest

In Continuous Custody Since: N/A

Assigned District Court Judge: Joseph Bataillon

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